

Extra Reading

Reading about Beauty

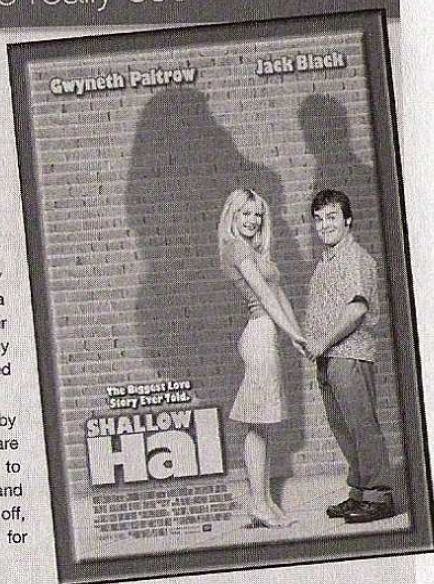
- A** Read the first sentence of the first paragraph. Write the main idea of the paragraph.
People sometimes judge others based on their physical appearance.

Inner Beauty: Can we really see it?

Many people insist that they are attracted to the "inner beauty" of a person and don't just judge people based on their physical appearance. This is probably true for a lot of people, but the fact remains that prejudice against fat people often prevents a relationship from developing. Some people won't ask an overweight person out on a date, so the opportunity to really get to know that person is lost.

Film star Gwyneth Paltrow learned a lot about being judged on physical appearance when she played the part of Rosemary, an extremely overweight girl, in the film *Shallow Hal*. In order to prepare for her film role, Paltrow wore a special body suit that made her look very fat. Despite her famous, pretty face, no one recognised her. In addition, many men tried to avoid eye contact with her when she approached them.

In *Shallow Hal*, the main character, Hal, judges women only by their physical appearance, and he only dates those who are slim and beautiful. One day, Hal is hypnotised and is able to see a person's inner beauty. He meets Rosemary and immediately falls in love with her. When the hypnosis wears off, the audience discovers which is stronger – Hal's love for Rosemary or his prejudice against overweight women.



B Choose the correct answers.

- According to the text,
 a. overweight people don't date much
 (b) there is prejudice against overweight people
 c. inner beauty isn't important to most people

- No one recognised Gwyneth Paltrow
 (a) because of her body suit
 b. because they didn't look at her
 c. because she gained a lot of weight

C Answer the questions.

- What did Gwyneth Paltrow experience when she wore a body suit?
She experienced being judged on physical appearance.
- Why did many men avoid eye contact with Gwyneth Paltrow?
Because she looked very fat.
- How does Hal's attitude to women change after he is hypnotised?
He is able to see a person's inner beauty.

Extra Listening

Your Hair and You

You are going to hear a discussion about hair colour. Listen and answer the questions.

- Lucy Kent wrote a book about
☐ a. the latest hair colour fashions
☒ b. how hair colour affects us
☐ c. redheads
- When Lucy was at school,
☒ a. the other kids used to tease her
☐ b. the teachers never knew her name
☐ c. she asked people to call her "Red"
- Later, she discovered that most redheads
☐ a. didn't like school
☒ b. felt different
☐ c. liked to be noticed
- Which statement is NOT true?
☐ a. Lucy doesn't get angry a lot.
☐ b. People expect Lucy to be angry.
☒ c. Lucy hates being a redhead.
- The stereotypes about red-haired people
☒ a. began in ancient Egypt
☐ b. began in 16th century Europe
☐ c. are a modern phenomenon
- According to Lucy, most people think that blondes
☒ a. have got exciting lives
☐ b. are popular actresses
☐ c. dye their hair
- Dyed blonde hair is popular with
☐ a. Japanese people
☐ b. Afro-Americans
☒ c. both a and b
- According to Lucy's research
☐ a. there's no difference being blonde or brown-haired
☐ b. brown-haired women are better job candidates
☒ c. blonde women are seen as being less independent
- In the study, Lucy says that
☒ a. brown-haired women got a higher salary
☐ b. blonde women always got the job
☐ c. blonde and brown-haired women did equally well
- Lucy thinks that hair colour stereotypes
☐ a. are really true
☒ b. aren't true, but affect how people see us
☐ c. don't affect us at all

